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Oregon and US January 1 Sheep Inventory

Oregon sheep and lamb inventory totaled 220,000 head on January 1, 2008, an increase of 2.3 percent from last year. The market flock increased 2.8 percent, with 70,000 market lambs and 3,000 market sheep. The breeding flock is up 2.1 percent, with 118,000 breeding ewes, 7,000 rams, and 22,000 lambs for replacement. The 2007 lamb crop totaled 150,000 lambs, up 7.1 percent from 2006. Wool production totaled 1.27 million pounds in 2007, up 8.5 percent. The average weight per fleece was 6.5 pounds.

United States sheep and lamb inventory totaled 6.06 million head on January 1, 2008, down 2 percent from 2007. After consecutive increases in 2005 and 2006, inventory has now declined for the past two years. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.51 million head, down 2 percent. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.62 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.55 million head, down slightly from 2007. The 2007 lamb crop of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006. The 2007 lambing rate was 110 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, down 1 percent from 2006. Wool production in the United States during 2007 was 34.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.71 million head, down 3 percent from 2006. The average price paid for wool sold in 2007 was \$0.88 per pound for a total value of 30.3 million dollars, up 23 percent from 2006.

| Sheep: Inventory and lamb crop, selected states and United States, January 1, 2008 | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| State | All sheep | | | Breeding sheep | | | Total market sheep and lambs |
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | Ewes 1 yr. and older | Total sheep and lambs | 2007 Lamb crop | |
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | Percent | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head |
| California | 610 | 600 | 98 | 280 | 340 | 240 | 260 |
| Idaho | 260 | 240 | 92 | 162 | 200 | 220 | 40 |
| Montana | 290 | 290 | 100 | 209 | 265 | 270 | 25 |
| Oregon | 215 | 220 | 102 | 118 | 147 | 150 | 73 |
| Washington | 51 | 49 | 96 | 32 | 41 | 52 | 9 |
| United States | 6,165 | 6,055 | 98 | 3,617 | 4,505 | 4,050 | 1,550 |

Angora, Milk, Meat and Other Goat Inventory

Oregon goat and kid inventory totaled 31,900 head on January 1, 2008, an increase of 5.6 percent from 2007. Angora goat inventory increased 100 head to 1,400 head. Milk goat inventory held steady at 5,700 head. Meat and other goat inventory increased 1,600 head to 24,800 head.

United States goat and kid inventory totaled 3.02 million head on January 1, 2008, up 3 percent from 2007. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.50 million head up 2 percent from 2007. All market goats and kids totaled 520,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.50 million head, up 4 percent from 2007. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 305,000 head, while angora goats were down 12 percent totaling 210,000 head. The 2007 kid crop totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2006. Mohair production in the United States during 2007 was 1.14 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 185,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.20 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.78 per pound with a value of 4.31 million dollars.

| Goats: Inventory by class, selected states and United States, January 1, 2008 | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| State | Angora goats | | Milk goats | | Meat and other goats | | Total | |
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | Head | | Head | | Head | | Head | |
| California | 3,000 | 4,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 133,000 | 134,000 |
| Idaho | - | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | 7,500 | 7,900 | 10,500 | 10,900 |
| Oregon | 1,300 | 1,400 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 23,200 | 24,800 | 30,200 | 31,900 |
| Washington | 1,000 | 1,000 | 8,200 | 8,400 | 24,000 | 25,000 | 33,200 | 34,400 |
| United States | 238,000 | 210,000 | 294,000 | 305,000 | 2,402,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,934,000 | 3,015,000 |

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